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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN POSITION ON EUROCOMMUNISM

1. SUMMARY. DEFINITIVE STATEMENT OF POSITION ON EUROCOMMUNISM PLACES ROMANIA SQUARELY ON SIDE OF ITALIAN, FRENCH, AND SPANISH PARTIES. STATEMENT UNDERLINES NOT ONLY RIGHTBUT RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH PARTY TO DETERMINE ITS OWN STRATEGY, "SALUTES" METHODS AND PRAISES "SUCCESSES" OF WEST EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES, AND ARGUES THAT INDEPENDENCE IS "TRUE KEY" TO REAL SOLIDARITY AMONG ALL PARTIES. NEVERTHELESS, ROMANIA CONSIDERS PRESENT DIVISION SERIOUS AND LIKELY TO GROW WORSE UNLESS RESOLVED,
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AND URGES BOTH "COMRADELY TALKS" AND AN END TO MUDSLINGING BY ALL SIDES. STATEMENT IS CONSISTENT WITH PREVIOUS ROMANIAN STANDS ON SUCH CRUCIAL ISSUES AS SINO-SOVIET SPLIT, BUT IN PRESENT CONTEXT IS ALSO AN IMPORTANT RE-AFFIRMATION OF ROMANIAN INDEPENDENCE. END SUMMARY.

2. SCINTEIA JULY 5 PUBLISHED MAJOR EDITORIAL DEFINING

ROMANIAN COMMUNIST PARTY (RCP) STAND ON EUROCOMMUNISM
(ASSUME FBIS HAS TEXT). ARTICLE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY RE-
PRINTED VERBATIM AS LEAD ITEM IN JULY 7 ISSUE OF LUMEA,
WEEKLY REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL EVENTS WHICH RECEIVES
WIDE DISTRIBUTION OUTSIDE ROMANIA.

3. SET IN CONTEXT OF ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF BERLIN
CONFERENCE OF COMMUNIST PARTIES, ARTICLE PURPORTS TO
REVIEW DEVELOPMENTS SINCE THAT TIME. PRINCIPAL AMONG
THEM IS "DEMOCRATIC CHANGES" TAKING PLACE IN EUROPE, AS
SHOWN BY PCI ELECTORAL SUCCESS AND ITS AGREEMENT WITH
OTHER ITALIAN PARTIES ON SOLUTION OF NATIONAL PROBLEMS,
PCF GAINS IN FRENCH MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS, AND "THE
PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT" DEMOCRATIC CHANGES IN SPAIN
IN WHICH PCE IS NOW THIRD-RANKING POLITICAL FORCE ALTHOUGH
LEGALIZED LATE AND FORCED TO WITHSTAND RIGHTIST ATTACKS.
AT NO POINT, HOWEVER, IS CARRILLO, HIS BOOK, OR SOVIET
CRITICISMS THEREOF SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED. SUCCESS
OF THESE PARTIES IS "INDISSOLUBLY LINKED" TO "THEIR
CREATIVE APPLICATION OF MARXIST-LENINIST TRUTHS, TAKING
INTO ACCOUNT THE SPECIFIC HISTORICAL SITUATIONS
EXISTING IN THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES, AND EXPRESSING
THE VITAL INTERESTS OF THE (ENTIRE) NATION." THUS IS
CARDINAL PRINCIPLE OF BERLIN DOCUMENT VALIDATED--THAT
INDEPENDENT ACTION BY EACH PARTY IS THE ONLY WAY TO INSURE
STEADY STRENGTHENING OF COMMUNIST PARTIES WHICH ARE
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"FOLLOWED BY THEIR OWN PEOPLE." IN FACT, TODAY WHEN
EXISTENCE OF A "LEADING CENTER" OF COMMUNISM IS "ABSOLUTELY
EXCLUDED AND INCONCEIVABLE", IT IS NOT ONLY THE RIGHT BUT
THE DUTY OF EACH PARTY TO FORMULATE ITS OWN STRATEGY.

4. PRIORITY TASK FOR EACH PARTY, THEREFORE, IS TO FIND
BEST SOLUTION TO SPECIFIC PROBLEMS OF EACH COUNTRY. NAME
GIVEN TO THIS PROCESS, "AS FOR EXAMPLE EUROCOMMUNISM", IS
NOT IMPORTANT; WHAT IS TRULY ESSENTIAL IS THE WAY THESE
PROBLEMS ARE APPROACHED, THE WAY THE VITAL INTERESTS OF
THE PEOPLE ARE DEFENDED, THE WAY REVOLUTIONARY TRANSFORMATIONS
ARE FURTHERED. IT THEREFORE FOLLOWS THAT COMMUNISTS SHOULD
"NEVER" SEEK TO OPPOSE THE FORMS AND METHODS OF ONE PARTY
ON ANY OTHER; THIS IS ESPECIALLY VALID WHEN COMPARING THE
EXPERIENCE OF "SOCIALIST" COUNTRIES TO METHODS PROPOSED
FOR BUILDING A NEW ORDER BY COMMUNIST PARTIES IN CAPITALIST
STATES. THERE IS NO SINGLE PRESCRIPTION, NO COMPULSORY
MODEL TO BE FOLLOWED. CONSEQUENTLY, RCP "SALUTES---THE
STEADY EFFORTS AND THE CONCERN OF THE COMMUNIST PARTIES
IN WESTERN EUROPE, OR FROM ANY OTHER COUNTRY OR CONTINENT,
TO FIND ORIGINAL SOLUTIONS APPROPRIATE TO CONCRETE CON-
DITIONS, TO FIND THE BEST WAYS TO DEMOCRATIC DEVELOPMENT

AND REVOLUTIONARY TRANSFORMATIONS."

5. BERLIN CONFERENCE ALSO ESTABLISHED PRINCIPLES FOR RELATIONS AMONG COMMUNIST PARTIES, PRIME AMONG WHICH IS INDEPENDENCE, "THE TRUE KEY FOR INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY AND UNITY." BASED ON BERLIN PRINCIPLES, RCP IS CONVINCED THAT IMPROVED "COMRADELY COOPERATION" AMONG PARTIES, ESPECIALLY THOSE OF "SOCIALIST" COUNTRIES AND THOSE FROM WESTERN EUROPE, IS AN "IMPERATIVE NECESSITY." THEREFORE, RCP URGES OTHER PARTIES NOT TO TRANSFORM DIVERGENCES INTO DISPUTES BUT TO SOLVE THEM BY COMRADELY TALKS; OTHERWISE, "CRACKS WILL WIDEN AND NEW ONES MAY APPEAR." TO THIS END, RCP PLEDGES ITSELF AGAIN TO FULL COOPERATION WITH ALL COMMUNIST AND WORKERS PARTIES AND ALL OTHER PROGRESSIVE
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FORCES IN DETERMINING THE COURSE OF HISTORY.

6. COMMENT. WE CONSIDER THIS STATEMENT TO BE THE MOST IMPORTANT REAFFIRMATION OF ROMANIAN IDEOLOGICAL INDEPENDENCE FROM THE SOVIET UNION SINCE ECPC. RCP OBVIOUSLY CONSIDERS SPLIT BETWEEN CPSU AND EUROCOMMUNIST PARTIES AS BOTH SERIOUS AND GROWING. POSITION IT HAS NOW

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ADOPTED IS SIMILAR IN MANY RESPECTS TO THAT TAKEN
ON SINO-SOVIET SPLIT IN EARLY 1960'S--A FRIEND TO
ALL WHILE URING CONSTRUCTIVE TALKS AND AN END TO
MUDSLINGING. NEVERTHELESS, IN PRESENT CONTEXT, RCP
HAS CLEARLY AND STRONGLY ALIGNED ITSELF WITH ITALIAN, FRENCH,
AND SPANISH PARTIES BY EXPLICITLY UPHOLDING THEIR
RIGHT TO DETERMINE THEIR OWN LINE AND BY "SALUTING"
THEIR SUCCESSES. CONSEQUENTLY, WHILE CURRENT RCP
POSITION IS CONSISTENT WITH PAST STANDS, IT WILL
NEVERTHELESS BE READ IN MOSCOW WITH CONSIDERABLE
GNASHING OF TEETH.

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